Thesis Evaluation

Student: ___________________________  Faculty Reader: ___________________________

Thesis Title: ___________________________________________  Defense Date: _____________

Please evaluate the written thesis using the following criteria. Return this form to the thesis advisor prior to the thesis defense.

0: Unacceptable  1: Unacceptable as credit for an honors thesis; acceptable for departmental credit
2: Pass  3: Good  4: Excellent

The student has articulated *a compelling research question or hypothesis*  0 1 2 3 4

The student has *contextualized the research topic*  0 1 2 3 4

The student has used *appropriate primary and secondary sources*  0 1 2 3 4

The student has employed *methods of analysis* that are both *explicit* and *appropriate* for testing the hypothesis  0 1 2 3 4

The student has convincingly *demonstrated the validity of the hypothesis*  0 1 2 3 4

The body, bibliography, and any graphs or tables are organized and presented in a manner in keeping with the standards of discipline  0 1 2 3 4

The thesis meets the *linguistic and stylistic standards* of the discipline  0 1 2 3 4

For the thesis advisor (optional for readers)
The student *met my deadlines and those set by the Honors College*  0 1 2 3 4

The student *kept the appointments we set and was respectful of my time*  0 1 2 3 4

Overall assessment of the written thesis (circle one):  PASS  DOES NOT PASS

Check one:  ______ One of the best honors theses I have read
            ______ A solid undergraduate thesis
            ______ Not a strong thesis

*Please write qualitative comments and motivation for your scoring on the back of this form, using additional pages as needed.*